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RESIDENTIAL FIRE
5731 Deer Ridge Lane #8 –Deer Field Apartments

MEMPHIS, TN - The Memphis **Fire** Department responded to an alarm of fire at 5731 Deer Ridge Lane, Monday, January 17, 2022, at 4:54 a.m. Upon arrival on the scene, firefighters reported smoke visible from the two-story wood-frame apartments. Nineteen (19) pieces of **Fire/Rescue/EMS** equipment and approximately forty-six (46) emergency response personnel ultimately responded to the call. Battalion Chief M. Hubbard was the commanding officer of this incident. The fire was brought under control at 5:14 a.m.

During interior search procedures, fire crews found one adult male unresponsive in the bedroom, the victim expired on the scene. The name and age of the victim have not been released pending positive identification and notification of next of kin. The cause of death is pending the Shelby County Medical Examiner's report.

It has not been determined if the residence had a working smoke alarm. One (1) unit sustained smoke, fire and/or water damage. Total damage is estimated at \$20,000.00 structure and \$500.00 contents. The origin and cause of the fire was determined to be careless use of smoking materials in the bedroom area. Red Cross was not requested.

The Memphis **Fire** Department recommends that all citizens maintain a working smoke alarm in their place of residence. Check alarms monthly and change the battery when you change your clocks. City of Memphis residents may apply for a **free smoke alarm** on-line at: <https://www.memphistn.gov/government/fire-department/free-smoke-alarm-application/> or call the Fire Museum of Memphis at (901) 636-5650. Always have a plan of escape in case there is a fire. Also remember that 9-1-1 is for emergencies only. For all other **FIRE/EMS NON-EMERGENCY** issues please dial (901) 458-8281.

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